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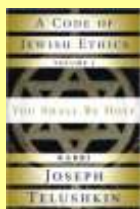
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**ETHICS  
CLASS**  
led by  
Rabbi Kornspan

**THERE WILL BE NO CLASS  
IN APRIL.**

# B'nai Jacob Bulletin

*Since 1912 ... Celebrating 100+ Years*



## **THE HOLINESS OF TIME**

Dear B'nai Jacob family and friends,

When you read this newsletter, we will be ready to celebrate Pesach and the Sedarim. We will begin the counting of the Omer (Sefirat Haomer), as we reckon the forty-nine days until Shavuot.

I have always been amazed at how Hashem our G-d has taught us to sanctify time, by being more aware of time itself! One of the mitzvot we perform, beginning with the second Seder night, is the counting of the Omer. In Beit Hamikdash (Temple) times, an offering of the barley harvest (an omer) was brought on the second day of Pesach, and after a counting of forty-nine days, a new offering of the wheat crop would be brought.

Maimonides (Rambam) teaches us a profound lesson about this. "We count the days that pass since the preceding Festival, just as one who expects his most intimate friend on a certain day counts the days and even the hours. This is the reason why we count the days that pass since the offering of the Omer, between the

anniversary of our departure from Egypt [Passover] and the anniversary of the giving of the Torah [Shavuot]. The latter was the aim and object of the exodus from Egypt."

Whenever we perform a mitzvah on a deeper level, we attempt to capture its abiding significance. When we count the Omer as just another number, even so a mitzvah is performed. But, when we count the Omer remembering not only the days of our going out from Egypt, but our growing out of our own personal enslavement, we are preparing to experience glimpses and insights of the Divine.

Each of us has the opportunity to count toward Shavuot, the holiday of Divine revelation on Mount Sinai and the giving of the Torah. Each of us also has the opportunity to deepen this count, to number our days, our growth, toward experiencing more and more the Divine light which Hashem our G-d shines upon us!

The Rebbetzin and I wish you a Chag Kosher V'sameach, a happy and kosher Pesach.

*L'shalom,*

*Rabbi Mitchell Kornspan*

**PASSOVER  
SERVICE TIMES**

are listed on page 3  
and on the calendar insert.



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"When you come to Israel plant FRUIT trees" Leviticus 19:23

This certificate is to certify that  
**Congregation B'nai Jacob**

Planted 2 Fruit Trees

***In Memory Of The Heroic Idf Fallen Soldiers***

תשע"ד - 2014

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Cedarhurst, NY 11516  
(516) 371-2474



[www.IsraelTrees.org](http://www.IsraelTrees.org)

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## **Congregation B'nai Jacob Passover Service Times**

### **Friday, April 3, 7:00am - Siyum for the Firstborn**

The "Siyum" Service for the firstborn is held in gratitude to G-d for sparing the firstborn among the children of Israel when the last plague was brought against the Egyptians. A siyum is a public completion of the study of a tractate of the Talmud. Afterward, we will share breakfast.

### **Friday, April 3 - Eve of Pesach**

One may eat a chametz meal until 11:35am.

No matzah is to be eaten until the Seder that night. First Seder - Candle lighting: 7:49pm.

### **Saturday, April 4, 9:15am - Shabbat Pesach Services**

Second Seder - Candle lighting: 8:50pm.

### **Sunday, April 5, 10:00am - Second Day Pesach Services**

### **Friday, April 10, 10:00am - Seventh Day Pesach Services**

### **Saturday, April 11, 9:15am - Eighth Day Shabbat Pesach Services**

Yizkor at approximately 10:30am.



## **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 5775 TZEDAKAH PROJECT 76 TREES TO BE PLANTED IN ISRAEL**

This year's Religious School Tzedakah Project centered around the mitzvah of planting trees in Israel, through the Jewish National Fund. In conjunction with Tu B'Shevat (the Jewish holiday known as the "New Year for Trees" which fell on the 15th of Shevat or February 4, 2015), donations were received and 76 trees will be planted in Israel.

Thank you to everyone who supported this project,  
and congratulations to our students and teachers on your success!

**April Yahrzeits זכור**

**Nisan / April**

- 12 31-1 Rae Dorman
- 12 31-1 Sidney Hutner
- 13 1-2 Samuel Appel
- 13 1-2 Jerry Morgenstein
- 13 1-2 Ann Peltz
- 13 1-2 Barney Sterling
- 15 3-4 Chaim Norkin
- 16 4-5 Isser Goldin
- 16 4-5 Mary Levy
- 16 4-5 Dorothy Maier
- 17 5-6 Steve Abrams
- 17 5-6 Harry S. Dale
- 17 5-6 Ida Schneider
- 18 6-7 Ruth Mark
- 18 6-7 Harriet Mirman
- 18 6-7 Harry Sheray
- 19 7-8 Louis Hirsch
- 19 7-8 Irving Luskin
- 19 7-8 Frederick Milz
- 19 7-8 Samuel Ochstein
- 19 7-8 Tillie Ochstein
- 20 8-9 Anna Trauner
- 20 8-9 Samuel Kornspan
- 20 8-9 Philip Trivus
- 20 8-9 Samuel Weinberg
- 21 9-10 Ronald Brateman
- 21 9-10 Tina Wilcox
- 22 10-11 Jacob Bruch
- 22 10-11 Jean Rehm
- 23 11-12 Sonia Finkelstein
- 23 11-12 Anna Lee Schefman
- 23 11-12 Erna Shulkin
- 23 11-12 Rosetta R. Siegle
- 23 11-12 Morton Trauner
- 24 12-13 June Saul Himelstein
- 25 13-14 Leah Edelman
- 25 13-14 Zelda Punsky
- 25 13-14 Arthur Albert Sapirie
- 26 14-15 Rebecca (Brocha) Kaplan
- 26 14-15 Gary Nemeroff
- 27 15-16 Samuel Brateman
- 27 15-16 Louis Latker
- 28 16-17 Lena Goltz
- 28 16-17 Larry Levin
- 29 17-18 May Bussell
- 29 17-18 Sophia Ebner
- 29 17-18 Nate Nemeroff

**Iyar/ April**

- 1 19-20 Alan Slutsky
- 1 19-20 Ida Ruth Superior
- 2 20-21 Louis Masursky
- 2 20-21 Minnie S. Mendelson
- 2 20-21 David Ochstein
- 2 20-21 Lillian Weiss
- 2 20-21 Harvey Wolf

**April Yahrzeits זכור**

**Iyar / April**

- 3 21-22 Ann Block
- 3 21-22 Jacob Brateman
- 3 21-22 Samuel Zaslowsky
- 5 23-24 Irvin Adams
- 5 23-24 Dora Kudysh
- 6 24-25 Ruth Cohen
- 6 24-25 Pearl Fichman
- 6 24-25 Morris Ruderman
- 6 24-25 Sidney David Troy
- 6 24-25 Jennie Weisman
- 6 24-25 Molly Wolf
- 8 26-27 Janet Perlman
- 8 26-27 Harry Peurye
- 9 27-28 Freda M. Dubin
- 9 27-28 Sylvia Forlander
- 9 27-28 Sarah Komisarow
- 9 27-28 Minnie Silverman
- 11 29-30 Gabor Fenyes
- 11 29-30 Alexander S. Fiegler
- 11 29-30 Selman Kaufman
- 12 30-1 Rabbi Samuel Goldin
- 12 30-1 Grace Kupersmith
- 12 30-1 Rebeca Pressman

**If you would like to make a donation in honor/memory of someone, please fill out the form and submit it with your check to:**

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I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in honor/memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fund Preference: Please indicate which fund you prefer to donate to:**

- A.J. Ochstein Fund
- Building Fund
- David Siegel Memorial Fund
- General Fund
- Kiddush Fund
- Levy/Levin Endowment Fund
- Library Fund
- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
- Seth Horwitz Education Fund
- Simon/Hannah Crell Education Fund
- Sisterhood Nursery Fund
- Torah Maintenance Fund
- Winnick Memorial Garden Fund
- Yahrzeit Fund



**Condolences to...**  
*Bruce and Rita Shine and family on the passing of Bruce's mother, Flaine May Shine, on March 16, 2015 25 Adar 5775.*  
*Flaine was a long-time member and friend of B'nai Jacob and actively served with the Sisterhood. May her memory be for blessing.*



**Tree of Life Celebrations**

**Welcome to our Newest Members!**

Neal and Eileen Baitcher

**Mazel Tov!**

Rabbi and Rebbetzin Kornspan are pleased to announce the arrival of a new grandson, Yuval Sarel, born in Israel on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, to Amir and Terry Kogan.

**CONGREGATIONAL DONATIONS**

**Education Fund**

In memory of father Henri Hagendorf  
- *Franck Hagendorf*

**General Fund**

In appreciation  
- *Robert Adams*  
In appreciation  
- *Esther Campbell-Russ*  
In memory of Frieda Kretzman  
- *Josh and Donna Tourkow*

**Kiddush Fund/Sisterhood**

In honor of Bee Siegel's 90th Birthday  
- *Marina Epstein and Rhonda Gerson-Hurwitz*  
In honor of all the March Birthdays  
"Happy Birthday"  
- *Keith Groman*  
In memory of Elaine Shine  
- *Keith Groman*

In memory of father Henri Hagendorf  
- *Franck Hagendorf*

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

In appreciation  
- *Robert Adams*  
In memory of father Henri Hagendorf  
- *Franck Hagendorf*

**Simon and Hannah Crell**

**Education Fund**

In memory of Margot Krel  
- *Rossya and Howard Klebanow*  
In memory of Margot Krel  
- *Melvin Krel*

**Yahrzeit Fund**

In memory of Julius Schwarz  
- *Elsa and Steven Jacob*  
In memory of Molly Cohen  
- *Hugo and Lis Kahn*  
In loving memory of Dad,  
William Siegle  
- *Arlene and Jere Leib*  
In memory of Sarah Cohen  
- *Michael and Rebecca Park*  
In memory of Frieda Safirstein  
- *Kay Safirstein*  
In memory of Abe Dubin  
- *Josh and Donna Tourkow*

**Maot Hittim**

- *Mike and Paula Adams*  
- *Janet Finkel*  
- *Ron and Pam Friedman*  
- *Bob and Laura Long*  
- *Ron and Susie Miller*  
- *Virgil and Nina Mocle*  
- *Marc Nusholtz and Mary Wilger*  
- *Beth Plotkin*  
- *Mort Schaffer and Ruth Minkoff*  
- *Mark and Missy Schneider*  
- *Bee Siegel*



**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Bruce Merritt
- 6 Karmiya Farber
- 6 Dr. Jere Leib
- 10 Dr. Lynne Margolies
- 12 Zackary Zemmol
- 14 Joshua Bradley
- 14 Cassie Martinez
- 14 Brandon Roberts
- 14 Jay Zemmol
- 14 Beth Zweig
- 17 Noah Bussell
- 18 Sharon Eisbart
- 18 Theresa Farber
- 18 Debbie Sheray
- 18 Scott Trauner
- 20 Sheryl Merritt
- 21 Marci Trentacosti
- 22 Donna Tourkow
- 23 Michael P. Adams
- 24 David Bussell
- 27 Dan Droegmyer
- 27 Jerry Pownall
- 28 Julie Kupersmith
- 29 Sharone Swedarsky
- 29 Melissa Schneider



**APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

- 21 Mike and Marci Trentacosti



*I would like to extend my most heartfelt and sincere*

**THANK YOU and APPRECIATION to JAN FINKEL and AUDREY GERSON**

*for co-sponsoring and hosting the beautiful and tasty Kiddush in honor of my 90th birthday.*

*Also, many thanks to all the wonderful helpers and friends who worked in the kitchen and sent contributions and cards.*

*Very sincerely,*  
**Bee Siegel**

**Editor's Note**  
**Helpers and friends who worked in the kitchen:**

- Paula Adams
- Marlene Cooper
- Risa Dashevsky
- Emily Finkel
- Iris Fuchs
- Rebbetzin Kornspan
- Arlene Leib
- Cassie Martinez
- Sheryl Merritt
- Ruth Minkoff
- Nina Mocle
- Mary Wilger
- Loni Wolf

## Partners in Torah Excerpts for Passover

For a full edition go to:

<http://www.partnersintorah.org/jewish-holidays/passover>

### THE SEVEN DAYS OF THE EXODUS

**Thursday, 15 Nissan:** The Jews departed Egypt in the morning after a night of eating Matzah and the Paschal Lamb and which saw the demise of every firstborn in every Egyptian household. They arrived in Sukkot on this day and were encircled with seven protective and illuminating Clouds of Glory.

**Friday, 16 Nissan:** Journeyed to Etham at the edge of the wilderness.

**Shabbat, 17 Nissan:** They remained in their place and did not travel.

**Sunday, 18 Nissan:** Preparations were made for further journeying. Pharaoh's messengers urged them to return to Egypt but they refused. A battle ensued and many of the messengers were injured. The Jews traveled backwards toward Egypt to appear as if they were returning to Egypt and withdrew to Pi-HaChiros - a journey of 1½ days.

**Monday, 19 Nissan:** Pharaoh's messengers returned to him with the news that the Jews had fled.

**Tuesday, 20 Nissan:** Pharaoh mobilized his forces to pursue the Jewish people and reached them that evening encamped by the sea near Pi-HaChiros.

**Wednesday, 21 Nissan:** The eve of the 21st the Jewish people descended into the Red Sea which split and allowed them passage. They emerged at daybreak on Thursday. The Egyptians, who followed them into the sea, met a raging body of water that drowned them all and the Egyptians no longer threatened the Jewish people. The Jews joyously sang a Song of Praise to the Almighty.

**THE HAGGADAH** According to Jewish tradition the *Haggadah* was compiled during the *Mishnaic* and Talmudic periods, although the exact date is unknown. We do know that many of the compositions found in the latter half of the traditional *Haggadah* were not part of the original text and were composed and added to the text hundreds of years later. The word *haggadah* means to tell, or to relate. The *Haggadah* is a vivid narrative which chronicles the story of how the Jewish people began as a few righteous individuals and metamorphosed into a great nation that would change the course of history. Although it deals primarily with the events in Egypt which led from slavery to liberation, it also covers the entire period from the life of Abraham to the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai.

### THE SEDER

*Maharal* explains that the *Seder* has 15 parts, corresponding to the fifteen steps upon which one ascended to the Temple. Our Sages say that our table is like an Altar, and this is particularly true on *Seder* night, when our family table is a means to achieve new spiritual heights. Similarly, just as the Temple helped the Jewish People sense the Divine Order in the world, so too, the *Seder*, the Hebrew word for order, is a reminder that G-d guides world history.

### THE FIFTEEN STEPS OF THE SEDER ARE:

1. **Kadesh** — Reciting the *Kiddush* over wine in the manner in which we begin all festivals.
2. **Ur'Chatz** — Washing the hands without reciting the blessing.
3. **Karpas** — Eating the vegetable [potato, radish etc.] dipped in salt water to arouse the curiosity of the children.
4. **Yachatz** — Breaking the middle *matzah* and hiding the larger piece for *afikomen*.
5. **Maggid** — Relating the Exodus from Egypt the recitation of the *Haggadah*.

6. **Rochtzo** — Washing the hands for matzah and reciting the blessing of *Al Netilat Yadaim*.
7. **Motzi** — Reciting the blessing of *HaMotzi* over the matzah.
8. **Matzah** — Eating the matzah.
9. **Marror** — Eating the bitter herbs.
10. **Korech** — Eating a sandwich combining bitter herbs and matzah.
11. **Shulchan Aruch** — Partaking of the festive meal.
12. **Tzafun** — Eating the *afikomen*.
13. **Barech** — Reciting the *Birkhat HaMazon*.
14. **Hallel** — Reciting the second half of *Hallel*.
15. **Nirtzah** — Singing the supplemental songs of praise.

### MEASURE FOR MEASURE

The Ten Plagues were not merely the imposition of difficult situations upon the Egyptians. Instead, they were carefully calculated to help them realize their evil ways and contemplate repentance. Unfortunately, they chose to ignore the clear messages inherent in the plagues and continued the oppression with mounting cruelty. Here is a brief description based on the *Midrash* of how each plague mirrored the oppression to which the Jews were subjected.

1. **Water turned to Blood** — They kept the Jews thirsty in the hot sun, now they knew the pain of thirst.
2. **Frogs [or crocodiles]** — The Egyptians forced the Jews to work at night and deprived them of sleep. The frogs raised such a ruckus that no Egyptian could sleep.
3. **Lice** — They forbade the Jews to bathe which caused them to suffer from lice. The Egyptians now enjoyed the very same lice experience.

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## Partners in Torah Excerpts for Passover

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### MEASURE FOR MEASURE

4. **Wild Beasts** — The Egyptians forced the Jews to hunt wild beasts for them as sport. Now they had an up close and personal encounter with those beasts.
5. **Pestilence among the livestock** — The Egyptians forced the Jews to become cattle-herders under harsh conditions.
6. **Boils all over the body** — The beatings administered by the Egyptians caused the Jews to break out in sores constantly.
7. **Fiery Hail** — The Egyptians took the liberty of stoning Jews. Hailstone rained on their heads in return.
8. **Locusts destroying crops** — They forced the Jews to tend their vineyards and fields.
9. **Darkness** — When the Egyptians held their parties, Jewish slaves had to stand at attention, with torches on their heads, to light up the scene.
10. **Slaying of Firstborn** — The Egyptians, and in particular the firstborn, practiced murderous designs against the Jews. In return, their firstborn were slain.

### LAWS OF CHAMETZ

*Chametz* is a product that (a) contains even a minimal amount of one of five types of grains [Wheat, Barley, Spelt, Rye, Oats], and (b) has undergone fermentation as a result of contact with liquid. The Torah issued several commandments regarding *chametz*:

- The positive commandment to remove all *chametz* from one's home.
- Not to possess *chametz* in one's domain (i.e. home, office, car, etc.) during all eight days of Passover.
- Not to eat *chametz*, or mixtures containing *chametz*, during Passover.

These prohibitions take effect around late morning on the eve of Passover, the 14th of Nissan. *Chametz* is permitted again at nightfall after the final day of Passover. In practice, the custom is to utilize all three of these options since possession of *chametz* on Passover is such a stringent prohibition.

### APPROVED METHODS FOR REMOVAL OF THE CHAMETZ

**Bi'ur:** Burning the *chametz*. On the night preceding the 14th of Nissan, a search of the house known as *bedikat chametz*. *Chametz* found in this search is burned the next morning. The ("search for *chametz*") is conducted by candlelight.

**Bittul:** Nullifying the *chametz*. The night of, and again on the morning of the 14th of Nissan, the head of the household recites a statement in Aramaic nullifying all *chametz* remaining in the family's possession. This must be done before the prohibition of *chametz* takes effect.

**Mechirah:** Selling one's *chametz* to a non-Jew. After the holiday, the non-Jew generally sells the *chametz* back to the original owners, via the selling agent. The selling agent must be someone knowledgeable in the laws of contracts and *chametz*.★

**THANK YOU**  
*to all for the wonderful*  
*Shalach Manot Basket!*

Audrey Gerson; Bee Siegel;  
Ben and Sharon Eisbart;  
Dan and Annie Appel;  
Jan and Steve Sarratore;  
Jay and Dana Zemmol;  
Jerry and Kathy Jarvis;  
Keith Groman; Beth Plotkin;  
Marc and Marla Spanjer;  
Mark and Missy Schneider;  
Mike and Paula Adams;  
Nina and Virgil Mocle;  
Ron and Pam Friedman;  
Ruth and Mort; Shmuel Wahli

Love,  
*Arlene and Jere*

## FORT WAYNE JEWISH FEDERATION NEWS



Channel 39-1

### The Story of the Jews

Episodes 1-3

**Sunday, April 12**

**1:00pm**

Episodes 4 & 5

**Sunday, April 19**

**1:00pm**

### American Masters

Escape from a Nazi Death Camp

**Tuesday, April 14**

**9:00pm**

Jascha Heifetz: God's Fiddler

**Friday, April 17th**

**9:00pm**

### Yom Hashoah Event

**Sunday, April 19**

**2:00-5:00pm**

### Allen County Public Library Downtown

The FW Jewish Federation and Congregation Achduth Vesholom's Adult Education Committee are partnering with the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fort Wayne to show the film **Two Who Dared** with movie/talk back/ and reception. This film tells the story of Waitstill Sharp, a Unitarian minister, and his wife, Martha, who rescued Jewish children from the Holocaust.

### Yom Hashoah Service

**Monday, April 20**

**7:00pm**

**@ the Temple**

### People of the Book

**Monday, April 27**

**7:30pm**

Author Jenna Blum

**@ the Temple**



**April Classes**

**Regular classes on**

**April 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29.**



**Tzedakah Project Concludes**  
**Planting trees in Israel -**  
**see page 3 of this bulletin.**

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

**SHALACH MANOT FUNDRAISER**

Thanks to everyone who made this year's Shalach Manot fundraiser a success! **Together we raised over \$2,500 for the Religious School program.** Special thanks to Bee Siegel, Natalie Gottesman and family, and Dr. Gordon Siegel and family for sponsoring the hamentaschen for Purim and the contents of the Shalach Manot baskets, in loving memory of David Siegel, and to Audrey Gerson for her generous donation.

Special thanks also to Rebbetzin Penny, Sheryl Merritt, Ruth Minkoff, and Nina Mocle for all your time and effort in making the homemade goodies and packing the baskets. We couldn't have done it without your help!  
*- Missy Schneider*



**We are grateful to....**

**Missy Schneider and her helpers** for coordinating the Shalach Manot Fundraiser and for all those who helped with the Purim Celebration; **Nina and Virgil Mocle** for sponsoring, coordinating, and serving Kiddush on March 7 in celebration of the March birthdays of their children, Jessica and Ken, and Joshua and Samantha; **Donna and Josh Tourkow** for sponsoring, coordinating and serving Kiddush on March 14 in honor of the March birthdays of Josh Tourkow, Sophia Tourkow, Lauren Tourkow, and Nelson Nugas, their son-in-law. The Kiddush was also in memory of Donna's father's yahrzeit; **Nina Mocle and Paula Adams** and their helpers for coordinating and serving Kiddush on March 21 and March 28, respectively; **Nina Mocle and Laura Long** for covering the office while Tami was away in January and February.

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## 5775 Purim at B'nai Jacob Wednesday, March 4, 2015



More photos on second page of April 2015 calendar.  
Photos courtesy of Keith Groman - great job, Keith!

